As a District 5, Mountain resident of Madera County, living in Coarsegold, California, for the past 16 years, I'd like to suggest that Congressional District 4 (CD4), State Assembly district 5 (AD5), and State Senate District 8 (SD8) stay the same or roughly the same, to fairly represent the Mountain Communities for the following reasons:

Mountain area residents and businesses have a unique culture much different than incorporated cities like Fresno or urban areas like the Bay Area, coastal regions, and big cities like San Francisco, Sacramento, LA, and San Diego. Our community includes: large rural areas with open spaces, huge private and national forests, ranching and farming, vineyards, and Gateway communities to Yosemite, Bodie, Mammoth Lakes, and Lake Tahoe areas.

As such, many of our issues and cultures are unique to our Mountain communities. These include:

- Forest management
- Fires
- Water, drought, and water storage
- Gateway Community – Tourism and Tax Revenue
- Culture and Community and Recreation
- Transportation issues in Winter
- Education
- Health
- Small Business

**In Summary:**

I respectfully request that the following districts (Congressional District 4, State Assembly District 5 and State Senate District 8), continue to represent the mountain community and essentially remain the same, or nearly the same as they are currently. This will allow fair and equitable solutions because mountain area residents and businesses have a unique culture, different from incorporated cities and urban areas.

Respectfully,

Marcia Miles